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Frank Shields, Regional Program Manager for TANF
Administration for Children and Families
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Dear Mr. Shields:

I am pleased to submit Washington's State Plan for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program. This submission is being made pursuant to Section 402 of P. L. 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 602), in order to maintain Washington State's status as an eligible state for TANF block grant funding for Federal Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013, which began October 1, 2011.

On August 1, the Economic Services Administration, Department of Social and Health Services, announced the beginning of the federally-required 45-day comment period for the TANF State Plan which ended on September 14, 2011. We did not receive any public comments during the review period. The biennial review was completed on November 15, 2011 and the Plan is effective October 1, 2011.

The enclosed Plan includes references to new programs, eligibility changes and technical corrections. A detailed summary of these changes can be found in the Introduction of the Plan beginning on page xiii. The Plan now accurately reflects the TANF Program as it currently exists in Washington State and can be viewed on the Internet at: <http://www.workfirst.wa.gov/about/tanf.asp>.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding the completeness of the Washington TANF State Plan, and working with the Department of Health and Human Services in the continued operation of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program in this state. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Susan N. Dreyfus
Secretary

Enclosures

cc: David Stillman, Assistant Secretary, DSHS
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